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Public Notice

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U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, EDIZ HOOK EROSION CONTROL PROJECT MAINTENANCE (FISCAL YEARS 2002-2008), PORT ANGELES, WASHINGTON

PURPOSE AND PROJECT OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this Public Notice is to solicit comments from interested persons, groups and agencies on proposed Corps of Engineers, Seattle District maintenance of the Ediz Hook Erosion Control Project at Port Angeles, Washington. The purpose of the project is to protect the sand spit from erosion, thereby protecting Port Angeles Harbor and the small boat basin from direct wave action, and maintaining access to a U.S. Coast Guard station located at the tip of the spit. The proposed maintenance work consists of beach nourishment and repair of portions of the Federal rock revetment. All work would occur during July 16 thru September periods. The fisheries window would allow construction thru October but the proposed work window was shortened by seasonal storm activity.

AUTHORITY

The Ediz Hook Beach Erosion Control Project was authorized by Section 4 of the 1974 Water Resources Development Act (Public Law 93-251), in accordance with House Document No. 93-101, 93rd Congress, First Session. The authorization included construction and maintenance of a rock revetment, with initial and periodic beach nourishment.

PROPOSED PROJECT

The beach nourishment consists of placement of about 50,000 tons of 1- to 12- inch rounded gravel and cobbles from an existing upland quarry onto two areas along Ediz Hook. The materials will be placed between the revetment (+12' MLLW) and the mean lower low water depth contour (0' MLLW), as shown on the enclosed plan (cross hatched areas on sheet 2). Littoral drift forces are expected to rapidly disperse nourishment materials over the entire spit. In the past, the stockpiles have disappeared within two winter seasons. A small end-effect erosion area adjacent to the east end of the US Coast Guard runway, near station 10+00, will also be nourished with 10- to 12- inch cobbles. The Corps is authorized to nourish Ediz Hook on a 5-year frequency. Nourishment was last performed in 1997.

Rock revetment repair consists of removing readily accessible armor rocks that have fallen from the revetment onto the beach, and re-keying an estimated 500 of them back onto the 14,600-foot long structure. No new rock will be used unless the displaced armor rocks have deteriorated in size. The addition of new rock will not occur as part of the 2002 action.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

The proposed maintenance activities will be reviewed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4347); the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 668a-668cc-6, 87 Stat. 884); Section 313 of the Clean Water Act of 1977 (33 U.S.C. 1323, 86 Stat. 816); Section 404 of the same Act (33 U.S.C. 1344); Section 307(c)(1) and (2) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended (16 U.S.C. 1456(c)(1) and (2), 86 Stat. 1280), and the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470, 80 Stat. 915).

The decision to proceed with this work will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among those are conservation, economics, esthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

A Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Ediz Hook Beach Erosion Control project at Port Angeles, Washington was filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on May 7, 1973. Copies are available for inspection at the Seattle District Office, 4735 East Marginal Way South, Seattle, Washington 98134-2385.

An Environmental Assessment and 404(b)(1) Evaluation will be prepared based on responses to this Public Notice. Once complete, the Environment Assessment (EA) will be posted and available on the Seattle District web site at: <http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/ers/envirdocs.html>>. A preliminary determination has been made that the proposed maintenance work will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment and, therefore, another Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

A biological evaluation will be prepared and reviewed by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) under Section 7 (a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act. A preliminary determination has been made that the proposed maintenance work may affect, but is "not likely to adversely affect" species protected under the Act.

A Section 401 water quality certification is requested from the State of Washington. A Coastal Zone Management Act consistency statement will be prepared and submitted to the Department of Ecology. A preliminary determination has been made that the proposed maintenance work is consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the State of Washington Coastal Zone Management Program.

COMMENT PROCEDURE

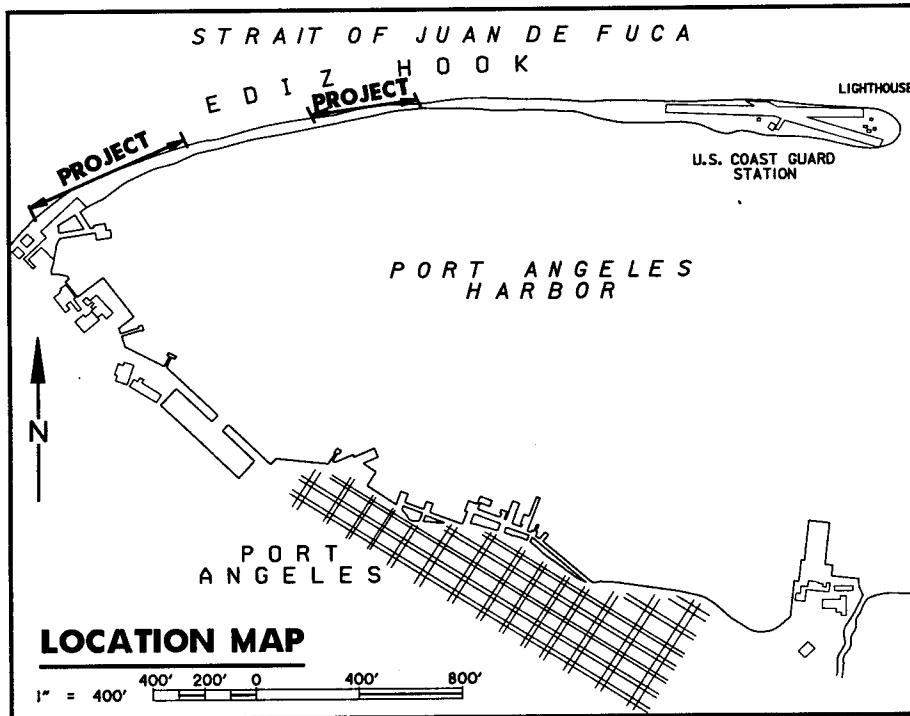
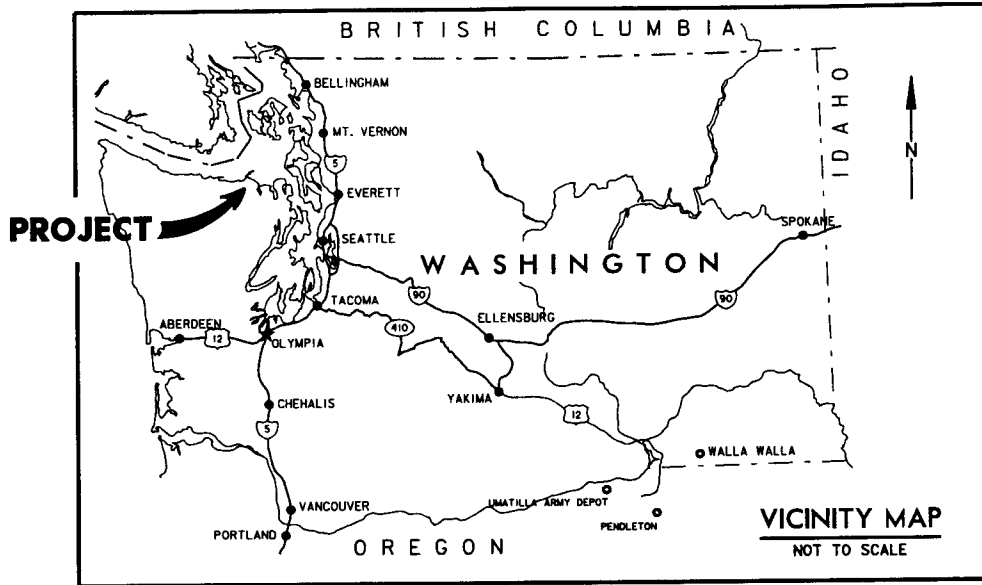
Replies to this Public Notice should be mailed to reach the District Engineer, ATTN: CENWS-OD-TS-NS, PO Box 3755, Seattle, Washington 98124-3755, not later than March 4, 2002, to assure consideration. Requests for additional information should be directed to Hiram Arden, Project Manager, (206) 764-3401.

Any person may request, in writing and within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reason for holding a public hearing.

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Hiram Arden
Project Manager
Navigation Section

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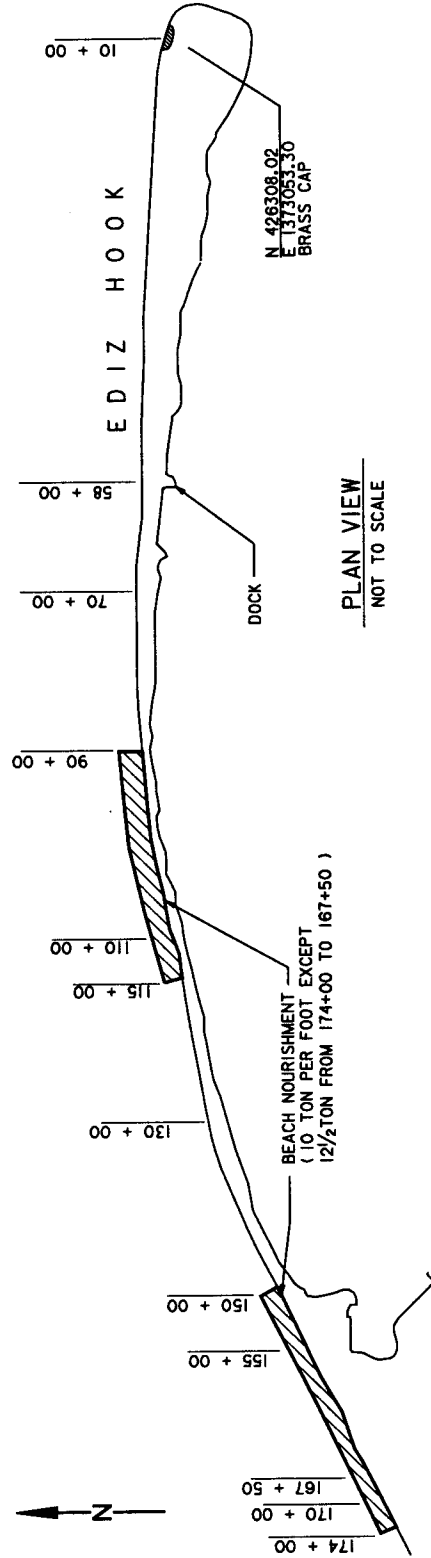
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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

Notice of Application for
Water Quality Certification
and for
Certification of Consistency with the
Washington Coastal Zone Management Program

Date: FEB 1 2002

Notice is hereby given that a request has been filed with the Department of Ecology, pursuant to the requirements of Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL 95-217), to certify that the project described in the Corps of Engineers Public Notice No. CENWS OD-TS-NS-16 will comply with Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Act, and with applicable provisions of State and Federal water pollution control laws.

Notice is also given that a request has been filed with the Department of Ecology, pursuant to the requirements of Section 307(c) of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1451), to certify that the above-referenced project will comply with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program and that the project will be conducted in a manner consistent with that Program.

Any person desiring to present views pertaining to the project on either or both (1) compliance with water pollution control laws or (2) the project's compliance or consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program may do so by providing written comments within 30 days of the above publication date to:

Permit Coordination Unit
Department of Ecology
P.O. Box 47703
Olympia, WA 98504-7703